

**ELECTRONIC CONTRACTS FOR DEVICES AND EMBEDDED SYSTEMS**

**ABSTRACT**

A method, device and program for embedding an agreement between a device provider and a device user in a device. The agreement is  
5 embedded in the device by monitoring at least one performance parameter, determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter, and, if the event occurred, indicating that the event occurred at the device. The device may be further configured to enforce the agreement. For example, enforcing the  
10 agreement may include disabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred. Conversely, enforcing the agreement may include enabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.